(6) has the Director of Public Instruction ever visited this school.

(7) if so, how many times;

(8) when did the Inspector of Schools visit the school last;

(9) has he written any remarks in the visitors' book;

(10) if so, will a copy of the same be placed on the table?

Mr. I. N. Menon:—(1) 213.

(2) 14th Makaram 1096.

(3) Fairly satisfactory.

(4) A small rafter connecting the valley rafter to the ridge happened to get loose and was removed.

(5) Rs. 72.

(6) No.

(7) Does not arise.

(8) 13th Karkadagam 1109.

(9) No.

(10) Does not arise.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:—Is not the school conducted in a thatched building?

Mr. I. N. Menon:—Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:—With small mud-walls and earthen floor?

Mr. I. N. Menon:—It is a small building.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:—Was it not in the same condition for the last 15 years?

Mr. I. N. Menon:—It must have been something better some years ago

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:—Will the Director be pleased to see himself that it is kept in good condition?

Mr. I. N. Menon:—Of course, I will see that steps are taken to improve it.

Crops in the Central Farm Statement of cost and yield.

179. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Iyer**:—Will the Government be pleased to give a statement of the cost and yield of every crop demonstrated or cultivated in the Government Central Farm and in other Taluk farms?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—A statement for the year 1108, 1109 is appended (*Appendix 1*).

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:—It is only the result of the Central Farm that is given here. May I know why the other thing was not given?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—There are no Taluk Farms in this State.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:—Is there not one at Wadakkanchery?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran:—It is a demonstration plot. I do not think that there are any Taluk Farms here.

Dr. A. R. Menon—deporting of.

180. **Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar**:—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there is any truth in the rumour that the Government is contemplating to deport Dr. A. R. Menon, M. L. C., from the Cochin State;

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative, the reasons for the same?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—(a) No.

(b) Does not arise in view of the answer to sub-division (a).

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval:—After all, was there any rumour at all?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— The Hon'ble Member who put the question can answer it well.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:— I never ask a question without any foundation. I know the responsibilities of an Hon'ble Member of this House and I have done it. It had been a bazaar talk.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval:—May I know whether in the Government's knowledge there has been any such rumour?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—Government does not go about hunting after rumours.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:—Has any other step been taken against him as an undesirable element?

President:—The question is whether there is any truth in the rumour that Dr. A. R. Menon is going to be deported.

Levy of Excise duty on matches.

181. **E. Ikkanda Warriar**:—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) when did the British Government begin to levy excise duty on matches?

(2) when did our Government begin to collect it;

(3) the reasons for the delay in beginning the collection;

(4) the probable loss the Government is put to on account of the delay?

Mr. M. P. Cherian:—(1) From 1st April 1934.

(2) From 4th August 1934.

(3) The question of the State's co-operating in the scheme was finally decided only early in May last and urgent steps had to be taken to enact legislation on the lines of the

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